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1. SUMMARY: IN FOLLOW- UP SUMMIT REACTION LEADING UNITED DAILY NEWS JUNE 26 PREDICTED PEKING WOULD ATTEMPT TO STRENGTHEN TIES WITH THE U. S. IN WAKE OF NIXON- BREZHNEV SUMMIT, INFLUENTIAL CHINA TIMES SAID PEKING CAN NO LONGER USE SOVIET THREAT AS EXCUSE TO SEEK U. S. SUPPORT, AND OFFICIAL CENTRAL DAILY NEWS QUESTIONED SOVIET SINCERITY AND DENOUNCED U. S. APPEASEMENT OF " BIG POWER." END SUMMARY.

2. LEADING PRIVATELY- OWNED UNITED DAILY NEWS SAID IF ROC FAILS TO FORESEE PEIPING' S REACTION TO SUMMIT, IT MAY FIND REPEATED U. S. REASSURANCES TO BE OF NO MORE THAN FACE VALUE: "... WHATEVER THE SOVIET UNION GIVES AWAY TO THE UNITED STATES, THE MAOISTS WILL FOLLOW SUIT; WHATEVER THE UNITED STATES CONCEDES TO THE SOVIET UNION, UNCLASSIFIED

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THE SAME WILL ALSO BE CONCEDED TO THE MAOISTS. THEREFORE, IN THE WAKE OF THE SUMMIT AND THE SIGNING OF THE VARIOUS ACCORDS, EITHER KISSINGER WILL MAKE ANOTHER TRIP TO PEIPING SHORTLY, OR THE MAOISTS WILL DISPATCH THEIR VIPS

TO WASHINGTON TO MEND THE TRIANGULAR BALANCE. THIS IS THE ANGLE FROM WHICH WE SHALL VIEW THE IMPACT OF THE SUMMIT ON ROC, AND MAP OUT OUR COUNTER- MEASURES ACCORDINGLY... NOW, THE MAOISTS WILL PROBABLY USE A 'TRUMP- CARD' IN THEIR UNITED- FRONT CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE UNITED STATES TO COUNTER THE 'BREZHNEV TRUMP- CARD.' WHATEVER BREZHNEV HAS CONCEDED IN ORDER TO SEEK U. S. FRIENDSHIP, THE MAOISTS WILL ALSO GIVE THE SAME, OR MORE, TO PLEASE AMERICA. THEREFORE, WHAT THE MAOISTS WILL HAVE TO DO IN REGARD TO THEIR RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES IS MORE THAN THE SOVIET' S SOLE CONCERN. ROC WILL BE AFFECTED DIRECTLY. THIS IS OUR CONCLUSION. WE WANT TO LOUDLY WARN OUR FROEIGN AFFAIRS AUTHORITIES THAT IF THEY FAIL TO FORESEE THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE TRIANGULAR RELATIONS AMONG THE UNITED STATES, THE SOVIET UNION AND THE MAOISTS, AND THAT IF THEY FAIL TO BE FULLY AWARE AT THE EARLIEST MOMENT OF THE IMPENDING ZIG- ZAG TACTICS OF THE MAOISTS FOLLOWING THEIR INITIATIVE IN ASKING FOR THE MUTUAL ESTABLISHMENT OF 'LIAISON OFFICES,' WE MAY FIND THAT THE DIPLOMATIC 'FACE VALUE' OF THE REPEATED ASSURANCES OF U. S. ADHERENCE TO ITS COMMITMENTS TO US REMAINS AT 'FACE VALUE.'"

3. INFLUENTIAL PRIVATELY- OWNED CHINA TIMES SAID THE MAOIST CAN NO LONGER USE THE SOVIET THREAT AS AN EXCUSE TO SEEK U. S. SUPPORT: "... OF COURSE, IT IS STILL TOO EARLY TO SAY THAT THE BALANCE BETWEEN THE TWO SUPER- POWERS, AND FOR THAT MATTER, THE TWO BLOCS, IS BEING STABILIZED. BUT AT LEAST, THE CHAOTIC PHENOMENON IN THE REARRANGEMENT OF WORLD POWERS IS BEING INITIALLY CLEARED UP. THE SOVIETS AND THE MAOISTS HAVE CONSTANTLY ACCUSED EACH OTHER OF HARBORING HOSTILITY AND OF ATTEMPTING TO APPLY MILITARY FORCE. THEY HAVE ALSO CONSTANTLY USED MILITARY THREAT AGAINST EACH OTHER. OBVIOUSLY, NIXON AND BREZHNEV DISCUSSED THIS ISSUE. THE RESULT IS A JOINT COMMUNIQUE ON NUCLEAR WAR PREVENTION ISSUED BY THE TWO PARTIES, ANNOUNCING TO THE WORLD THAT THE UNITED UNCLASSIFIED

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STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION WILL NOT USE MILITARY FORCES OR MILITARY THREAT AGAINST THE ALLIES OF EACH OTHER OR AGAINST ANY OTHER COUNTRY... SO, IN THE FUTURE, THE MAOIST EXCUSE OF A SOVIET THREAT TO SEEK U. S. SUPPORT AND TO DRIVE A WEDGE BETWEEN U. S.- SOVIET RELATIONS IS BECOMING MORE PRECARIOUS. IF AND WHEN A NEW WORLD ORDER IS ESTABLISHED AS A RESULT OF A NEW BALANCE IN U. S.- SOVIET RELATIONS, THE MAOIST ILLUSION OF SO- CALLED THIRD WORLD AND INTERMEDIATE REGION WILL BE CRUSHED. THE MAOIST ACTIVITIES WILL HAVE TO FOLLOW THE NEW RESTRICTIONS, OR ELSE THEY WILL BE LOOKED DOWN UPON AS THE VIOLATORS OF INTERNATIONAL ORDER..."

4. KMT OFFICIAL CENTRAL DAILY NEWS QUESTIONED SOVIET SINCERITY AND DENOUNCED " U. S. APPEASEMENT OF BIG POWER":

"... IF BOTH SIDES WERE REALLY SINCERE IN SERIOUSLY CARRYING OUT THE PREVENTION OF NUCLEAR WAR AND IN FINALLY ACHIEVING THE ULTIMATE GOAL OF GLOBAL NON- WAR, ALL THE PEACE- LOVING PEOPLE OF THE WORLD WOULD SAY THAT THIS IS THEIR COMMON WISH... (BUT) BECAUSE THE NATURE OF THE SOVIET COMMUNIST REGIME REMAINS UNCHANGED, WE DEEPLY DOUBT WHAT GUARANTEE TO END THE 25- YEAR- PLUS COLD WAR THE NIXON- BREZHNEV PAPER COMMUNIQUE CAN OFFER... AS A MATTER OF FACT, AMERICAN OFFICIALS TODAY RECOGNIZE ONLY THE POWER OF NUCLEAR ARMS. THEY THINK IF A COUNTRY POSSESSES NUCLEAR ARMS, IT IS A ' BIG POWER' AND THEREFORE SHOULD BE ATTENTIVELY RECOGNIZED AND APPEASED. THE MAOISTS, FOR ONE, HAVE NOTHING TO RELY ON. HOWEVER, THE UNITED STATES HAS TRIED IN A HUNDRED WAYS TO COMPROMISE WITH SUCH A REGIME WHICH WANTS ' NUCLEAR ARMS MORE THAN TROUSERS.' RIGHT AND WRONG, FRIEND AND FOE, ARE BEING CONFUSED. IF YOU SAY PEACE CAN BE BUILT WITH SUCH PARTNERS, WHO WILL BELIEVE IT? NOW, NIXON, HOLDING A PAPER COMMUNIQUE SIGNED WITH ANOTHER ' BIG POWER,' THINKS THAT THINGS COULD BE REINED IN. ALTHOUGH WE WOULD NOT SAY THIS IS LIKE ASKING THE TIGER FOR ITS SKIN, YET PEOPLE WILL REGARD THIS AS FIGHTING FIRE WITH WOOD... TODAY, THE IDEOLOGICAL GAP BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION IS LIKE THAT BETWEEN HEAVEN AND EARTH. THEIR CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS ARE EVERYWHERE. BOTH SIDES LACK A MORAL FOUNDATION THEY CAN MUTUALLY TRUST.

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THERE IS NO BINDING FORCE. THERE IS NO WAY THAT WE CAN BELIEVE THAT A FEW PEICES OF AGREEMENTS, A DECLARATION AND A JOINT COMMUNIQUE CAN CONCLUDE THE COMPLICATED AND INCLUSIVE COLD WAR. AT THE SAME TIME, WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO TELL THE WORLD THAT REAL PEACE IS NOT SOMETHING THAT ONE OR TWO POWERS CAN WORK OUT, AND OF COURSE, NOT A PRODUCT OF ' INTIMIDATION AND TEMPTATION.' PEACE CAN ONLY HAVE A SOUND FOUNDATION WHEN THE HUMAN RACE IS MARCHING TOGETHER TOWARDS THE LAND OF FREEDOM AND EQUALITY..."

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